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CIVIL AVIATION
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VRS IN AI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India propose to extend its ongoing VRS to operational areas including pilots and engineers;

(b) if so, the total strength of Air India staff and the target fixed for VRS during the current year;

(c) the number of employees relieved under VRS so far; and

(d) the total cost involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The total staff strength of Air India as on 31.10.2003 is 15727. The target fixed for VRS as per the Air-India Board Memorandum in its 85th meeting held on 11.1.2003 was 1000 employees.

(c) and (d): As on 30.11.2003, 248 employees have been relieved under VRS. An ex-gratia amount of Rs.11,06,40,429.00 has been paid to 202 employees who have availed VRS. The ex-gratia payment to the remaining 46 employees works out to Rs.2 crores approximately.